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ment of an additional establishment consisting of one Assistant Inspector, one Petty Officer and four peons for a period of one year from the date of appointment.

2. The Assistant Commissioner for Distilleries also suggests that the entire cost of the additional establishment, their pay, leave salary and pensionary contribution may be debited to the State just as it is done in the case of the distilleries in this Province at present. But the Board considers that it is doubtful whether the cost of the staff could be debited to the State as stated by the Assistant Commissioner for Distilleries, The Board requests early orders in the matter.

3. As the Special Officer, Sandur had specially requested the Assistant Commissioner for Distilleries to relieve his Excise Officer who was in charge of the Distillery from 1.1.50 Forenoon, the Board instructed the District Prohibition Officer, Bellary to direct the Sub-Inspector Bandri border to shift his headquarters temporarily to Sandur from 1.1.50 with his staff and to relieve the State Excise Officer in the Forenoon of 1.1.1950. The Assistant Commissioner for Distilleries has also been instructed by the Board to post a Sub-Inspector with Distillery experience and 3 Peons to Sandur Distillery urgently and relieve the Prohibition Sub-Inspector Bandri border and his staff from Distillery work. The Board requests that its action may be approved.

Rajaparalakshmi
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Assistant Secretary.

To: The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
MADRAS. (With an enclosure).

KVR 5.1.50.

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Senior Superintendent.

BOARD OF REVENUE (EXCISE) DEPARTMENT.

Sub:-- States - Sandur - merged in Bellary district - taking over excise administration - additional staff - Sanction - Requested.

Read:- Government, Revenue Department Memorandum No.65596 A/49-1, dated 24.11.1949.

From the Assistant Commissioner, Distilleries M.O.C.2954/49-A. dated 24.12.1949.

No. C.R.23532 Abk/49 XA2.

Station: Triplicane: Madras, Dated: 1.1.1950.

From

Sri P. Rajagopalachari,
Assistant Secretary, Board of Revenue (Excise).

Sri V.N. Kudva I.C.S.,
Member, Board of Revenue and Commissioner of Commercial Taxes.

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Reference:

With reference to their memorandum cited, the Board submits to Government that the Assistant Commissioner, Distilleries, was directed to proceed to Sandur and take charge of the Excise Department and submit a detailed report regarding the excise administration of the merged State. Accordingly, he has taken charge of the excise Department on 22.12.49. He discussed the future excise control of the State with the Special Officer, Sandur , Collector, Bellary and the District Prohibition Officer, Bellary and has submitted a detailed report. An extract of the report is enclosed. He suggests that an Assistant Inspector with distillery knowledge and experience may be posted to Sandur State with a staff of one Petty Officer and four peons to assist him. The Assistant Inspector will be in charge of the distillery and the depot and will supervise the working of the five arrack shops. The Petty Officer will help the Assistant Inspector and be in charge of the distillery and the depot when the Assistant Inspector goes on tour to inspect the shops and villages. His duty will be to maintain accounts in the distillery and the depot and write permits, whenever issues are made. Of the four peons, three peons will guard the distillery night and day on eight hours shifts and the fourth peon will be looking after tapals and office duties. He may also be taken out into camp when the Assistant Inspector goes to inspect the shops and villages. The Board agrees with the proposal of the Assistant Commissioner for Distilleries and recommends that the Government may be pleased to accord sanction for the employ-

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Copy of paragraph 2 of the letter No. R.O.C. 2954/49-A. dated 24.12.1949 from the Assistant Commissioner for Distilleries, Madras

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Sub:-- S T A T E S - Sandur - Merged in Bellary District - Taking over Excise Administration. - REPORT.
Ref:-- Board's C.R. 23532 Abk/49 XA2. dated 16.12.1949.

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2. EXCISE ADMINISTRATION:

The State had entered into an agreement with Sri M.L.Narayanaswamy of Tadpatri, who also was running a distillery at Banganapalli until the State was merged with the Madras Government. A copy of the Agreement is enclosed. The Agreement was signed on 19.10.1946 and lasts till 18.10.1951 i.e. for a period of 5 years. According to the terms of the Agreement Sri M.L.Narayanaswamy was permitted to open a distillery at Sandur and supply arrack at 35% U.P. strength to the State at a fixed cost of Rs. 5/- per gallon till the termination of the contract. There is nothing mentioned about the base that should be used, whether jaggery or molasses, though the distiller is using jaggery at present. The State agreed to purchase a minimum quantity of 500 gallons per month or more according to its requirements and pay the distiller at the rate mentioned above. Even if the State purchased less than 500 gallons in any month, it agreed to pay the distiller the cost of 500 gallons, i.e. Rs. 2,500/- per month. Please see conditions 1, 4, 5 6, 12, 14 and 17 of the Memorandum of Agreement (copy enclosed)

(a) DISTILLERY: There is a distillery functioning at Sandur and it is located on the Sandur-Kudligi Road about half a mile from Sandur. No licence has been granted to it by anybody so far. It consists of a temporary structure about 30' by 90' divided into 2 compartments. The walls are brick in mud and the roof corrugated iron sheets. The first compartment consists of a copper pot still with all its component parts of a capacity of about 900 gallons and two wooden wash backs of about 1000 gallons each. The second compartment is a combined jaggery store, Receiver Room and Issue Vats. There are 3 Receivers of capacities 415 gallons, 484 gallons and 886 gallons respectively. Water is obtained from a well situate close to the river which flows through the State and the Distillery is on its bank. It is pumped by an Oil Engine into an elivated wooden water tank of about 2,000 gallons capacity and the water from the tank is utilised for the manufacture of wash and condensation in the condensor. The water was found to be very dirty and I instructed the Distillery Manager to have it cleaned at once. A rough plan of the distillery is enclosed. The State did not exercise any direct control over the distillery nor about the qualtity of the liquor manufactured. Whenever the State wanted liquor from the distillery an indent used to be sent to the Distillery Manager and liquor was supplied in casks belonging to the distiller and transported to the Depot owned by the State. An employee of the State, one Sri G.Gopalachari, is in charge of the Excise work and he is assisted by a clerk, K. Allah Baksh. The former is paid Rs.91/-per month, allowances included, and the later Rs.48/-. The Excise Officer used to supervise the issues from the distillery and transport the casks to the Depot at State expense. There are no proper revenue safeguards like abkari locks, fastenings and doors and it is quite easy for the distiller to distil as much liquor as he pleases and remove as much as he wishes without the state authorities being aware of it. It is therefore very necessary that this must be tightened up immediately by posting a suitable staff as detailed below. I surveyed the distillery on 22.12.49 between 3 P.M. and 4 P.M. The Still was silent and there was set up in Wash Back No.2. I took stock of the liquor in the distillery and found it to be 177.4 Proof Gallons at strengths varying from 16.8% U.P. to 66.4% U.P. as against 174.7 Proof Gallons being the book balance found in the Distillery Manager's manuscript account book. The weak liquor is redistilled either alone or with wash and the liquor is blended to 35% U.P. before it is issued to the Depot. 12 Cwts. of jaggery are melted for each set up but there is nothing to show the quantity of wash manufactured or its initial or its final gravity. 35 Set Ups were made in 1948-49 and 35 Upto 11.12.49 in 1949-50. 4,600 gallons have been issued so far from the Distillery from 1.4.1949 and 4,550 gallons in 1948-49. Distillation was suspended from August to December 1948 immediately after the State was taken over as a security measure.

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(b) DEPOT: There is a Depot at Sandur managed by the State. It is in the charge of the Excise Officer Sri G.Gopalachari. Liquor at issuable strength is stored in casks and issued to shops regularly. I inspected the depot on 22.12.49 at 1 p.m. and found a stock of 49.6 gallons against a book balance of 48 gallons 28 drams at 35.3% U.P. strength in cask No. S.635. The issue price of liquor is Rs.24/- per gallon and so, the State gets a profit of Rs.19/- per gallon supplied to the shops.

(c) SHOPS: There are only 5 arrack shops in the State as shown in the map enclosed. They are:--

1. A.S.1 - Sandur)
2. A.S.2 - Sandur) in Sandur Town.
3. A.S. Taranagar - - 5 miles north east of Sandur on the Sandur-Bellary Road.
4. A.S.Suseelanagar - 4½ miles north west of Sandur on the Sandur-Hospet Road.
5. A.S.Deogiri - - 9 miles south of Sandur near Kannatheru Manganese Mines.

There are no other kinds of shops. All the shops are worked departmentally and they have not been auctioned. There were formerly 9 arrack shops but 4 have been closed from 1.4.1949 and though larger quantities have been purchased from the Distiller and supplied to the shops in the past, only 500 gallons are being purchased every month from 1.1.1949 and distributed to the shops on an average of about 16 gallons per day. The sellers in these shops are state employees being paid a small pay of Rs. 5/- to Rs. 7/- per month. The selling price has been fixed at eight annas per dram or Rs.24/- per gallon and arrack is rationed to consumers in a way so that no addict gets more than 2 drams per day. The Excise Revenue of Sandur is in the neighbourhood of 1,20,000/- rupees per annum. Please see Statement enclosed. I surprised A.S.Taranagar and found the shop well managed. The shop was neat and clean. Accounts were posted upto date and permits filled. There was a stock of 5 gallons against ~~a book against the issue strength of 34.7% U.P. There are~~ a book balance of 5 gallons 24 drams and the strength was 34.7% U.P. against the issue strength of 34.7% U.P. There were only half a dozen consumers in the shop and they were all natives of Sandur and none from the adjacent Gadiganur range of Bellary District. The consumption in the shops varied from 248 gallons in A.S. Suseelanagar to 1,298 gallons 36 drams in A.S.1 Sandur from 1.4.1949 to 30.11.1949. Please see Statement enclosed. A quantity of 53 seers 56 tolas Ganja was returned to Vetapalem Store House by the Special Officer after the closure of all the Ganja shop in the Sandur State.

(d) EXCISE CONTROL: I discussed the future Excise Control with the Special Officer, Sandur and the Collector, Bellary and the District Prohibition Officer, Bellary. I suggest that an Assistant Inspector with distillery knowledge and experience may be posted to Sandur with a staff of 1 Petty Officer and 4 Peons to help him. The Assistant Inspector will be in charge of the distillery, the Depot and supervise the working of the five arrack shops. The Petty Officer will help the Assistant Inspector and be in charge of the distillery and depot when the Assistant Inspector goes on tour to inspect the shops and villages. His duty will be to maintain accounts in the distillery and depot and write out permits whenever issues are made. Of the 4 peons 3 peons will guard the distillery night and day on 8 hour shifts and the 4th peon will be utilised for tapal and office duties. He may also be taken out into camp when the Assistant Inspector goes to inspect the shops and villages. The entire cost of the establishment, their pay, leave salary and pensionary contribution may be debited to the state just as it is done in the case of the Distilleries in this province at present. As this might take some time to get this sanctioned by Government, I suggest that the Sub-Inspector border patrol now stationed at Bandri may be ordered to shift his headquarters to Sandur from 1.1.1950 forenoon with his entire staff and depute three of his prohibition guards to guard the distillery night and day from that date. The Special Officer has specially requested to relieve his Excise Officer from 1.1.1950 forenoon to facilitate administrative changes in the personnel of the State Staff. I therefore request urgent orders may be issued to the District Prohibition Officer, Bellary in regard to this.

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

/ True Copy /

KVR 5.1.50.

K Narayana 6.1.50
Superintendent.

Rev Sec Q-pt [Old Ch. 1/1 C.F]

Rev. Deptt

[C.No. 1798 D/50]

Read:- from the Bd. of Rev. C.R.No. 23532 A&K/49 -XA2 of 24-12-49

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G.O.Ms No. 591 dated 3/3/50

Prohibition is ~~going~~ proposed to be introduced in Sandur area with effect from 1-4-50. The Govt therefore consider that the following staff would be sufficient for the work connected with the supervision of distillery the depot and arrack shops in the Sandur state till the extension of Prohibition to the area.

One Sub Inspector of Excise on Rs 70/- p.m
Three peons on Rs 18 – 25 each p.m.

2. Sanction is therefore accorded for the employment of the staff referred to in para 1 above from the date of

Rem ... Prohibition Officer ... 3/3/50

file in Legal.

p 3 N.F

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appointment up to 31-3-50.

3. The expenditure should be debited to relevant heads under "P.II Deposits and Advances - Deposits not bearing interest C. Other ~~Changes~~ Deposit Accounts - Other Accounts - Account of Gandur State"

4. The action of the Bd. of Rev. in having made the arrangements referred to in para 3 of its ref. cited to relieve the Excise Officer who was in charge of the Distillery at Gandur, from 1-1-50 F.N. is approved.

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Vide G.O. 4747 Fin 10 549

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To the Bd. of Rev. (Excise)

A.G. thro' Fin

Rev Dept

CW. 17987/50

C.F.

States — Sandur (Bellary) — Taking over excise admn — additional staff — employment

From the Bd of Rev Ct No. 235.32 — Abk — 49 — XA2 dt 5.1.50

To AG.

Please see the Bd's Reference in the C.F.

2 The Bd has submitted proposals for the employment of a staff of one Asst Inspector of Excise, one petty officer and four peons to take charge of the distillery and the depot at Sandur. The Bd has not stated the grade of the Asst Inspector that should be sanctioned. It seems supposed that a third grade Asst Inspector is sanctioned. The question of introducing prohibition in Sandur with effect from 1.4.50 is separately under consideration. It does not therefore seem necessary to sanction the staff for a period of one year as recommended by the Bd. The staff may be sanctioned up to 31.3.50. In the circumstances reported by the Bd it is for orders whether the staff applied for by the Bd may be sanctioned

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3 The Asst. Commr for distilleries has suggested that the cost of the staff referred to in para 1 above may be debited to the State just as it is done in the case of the distilleries in this Province. In the case of the distilleries in this Province, whenever a staff is sanctioned for supervising a distillery, the cost is recovered from the distiller vide rule 14 of the Distillery and Warehouse rules. These rules do not apply to the Sandur State. There is therefore no question of charging the cost of the distillery staff proposed by the Bd to the State. The distillery work is done by State officers and the cost of the staff will be borne by the State.

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supervise the working of the five arrack shops in the State. In Govt Ms No 474 Finance (B.G) dated 10.5.49, the Govt have directed that such expenditure in respect of the merge State of Sandur should be recorded under a new head "Account of Sandur State" to be opened under "P II Deposits and Advances etc". The cost of the shops referred to in para 1 above may therefore be debited to this head.

4 Subject to orders a draft order is submitted for approval. It may be sent to Pub (Pol) Finance Dept for acceptance

Copy of (H)

18 FEB 1950

Sd/- (R.)
Finance

Sd/- 6.2.50

Sd/- 8.2.50 D.S.

As instructed by D.S. by contact with the Asst. Secy., Board of Rev., (Excise) on the phone, he agrees that in view of the fact that Prohibition is proposed to be introduced in Sandur area with effect from 1.4.50 and the interval between now and that date is ~~nearly~~ barely 7 weeks, it is sufficient if sanction is accorded for the employment of the sub-Inspector and 3 peons who are now holding charge of Sandur distillery from the date of their taking charge up to 31.3.50. Please put up a revised draft.

Sd/- 11/2/50

(H) Sub Inspector - 70
D.A 24
94

3 Peons (18 25)
Av Pay - 222
123 6
94 0
217 6x3
652 8

19 0
41 2x3
123
Rs
Av Pay 653

13/2
Sd/-

To A.S

Sd/- 11.2.50

Orders above. ~~Draft submit~~ Revised draft subs. It may be sent to Pub (Pol) and Fin. for acceptance.

Sd/- 11.2.50

Sd/- 13/2/50 DS

Sd/- 14/2/50

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E II

Public (Political) Department

Notes on p.p. 1-2 ante and the draft order below may be perused. The file may be passed on to Finance.

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Finance (E II)

Pol Dep 1052/50-1
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Ex. Mr. Sir
Sub Inspector Rs 30
D.A. Rs 24
94

3 P.s (1025)
Pr Pay 222
D.A. 190
41.28
123.6

Total 123.6
940
217.6x3
652.8 or Rs 653/-

The reference from the Bd. of Rev (Excise) on pages 1-3 e.f, and the Revenue's notes on pp 1-2 above, may be perused.

2/ In the circumstances explained, the draft order below may be accepted. (The extra cost involved works out to Rs 653, for a period of 3 months)

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Rev Dept

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— The draft order below may now issue.

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HM (Pol)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
2 MAR 1950
REVENUE DEPARTMENT